

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Modification of Mail Classification
Schedule for International Commercial
Plus Pricing

Docket No. MC2013-44

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE RELATED TO
CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PLUS PRICING CATEGORIES

(Issued April 2, 2013)

Introduction. The Commission hereby provides notice, pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3020.92, that the Postal Service has filed notice of a minor classification change concerning Commercial Plus pricing categories for the following competitive mail services: First-Class Package International Service; Priority Mail International; Express Mail International; and Global Express Guaranteed. The Notice was filed on March 29, 2013 under Commission rules 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91.¹ It includes an Attachment with proposed revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). *Id.* at Attachment.

¹ Notice of Minor Classification Change, March 29, 2013 (Notice).

MCS changes. The Postal Service states that the proposed minor changes will allow customers to use mail tendered under an Outbound International Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA) to satisfy the \$100,000 per year commitment required to qualify for Commercial Plus pricing. *Id.* at 1. It states that because First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) has not yet been incorporated into any Outbound International NSA products, some customers that commit to tendering more than \$100,000 per year via an Outbound International NSA are not receiving discounted rates for FCPIS. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that under current classification language, an NSA customer must make an annual commitment to tender at least \$100,000 in Commercial Plus volume, in addition to the annual commitment required by the specific customer's NSA. *Id.* The Postal Service states that this minor classification change removes the potential for redundant threshold requirements by allowing the mail tendered under an International NSA to satisfy the \$100,000 per year commitment required to access Commercial Plus pricing. *Id.* at 1-2.

The Postal Service believes the changes in the MCS, as shown in the Attachment to the Notice, are consistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642 and should be incorporated into the MCS by the Commission. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service intends to make the proposed changes effective as soon as the instant docket is concluded. *Id.* at 2.

Related procedural matters. The Commission has posted the Notice and Attachment on its website at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons are encouraged to review both documents. The Commission invites comments on matters raised by the Notice, including the consistency of the change with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. The due date for comments is April 8, 2013.

The Commission appoints Cassie D'Souza to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2013-44 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 505, Cassie D'Souza is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons are due no later than April 8, 2013.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary